



Feeling attacked by your own team can leave you confused. "What did I do to deserve this?!"

B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front) – *A soft answer deflects surprising attacks.*

Joseph "...spake kindly unto them" ... that is, he spake to their heart!  
Proverbs 15:1; 25:15

Just what is a "soft answer" anyway? Let's consider Gideon in Judges 8 where we learn that there are three elements contained in a soft answer.....

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## 1. Consider Their \_\_\_\_\_ v. 1-2a

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## 2. Focus on Something They Did \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2-3

"Abiezer"? See 6:11

"vintage of Abiezer"?

"gleaning of the grapes"?

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## 3. Exalt Their \_\_\_\_\_ Over Your Own v. 2-3a

Philippians 2:1-5

**Result.... v. 3b** – anger deflected...relationship maintained.

Romans 12:16-21